# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Processed Foods
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**Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has taken any steps to establish good coordination between farmers and food processing industries in the country, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to sensitize entrepreneurs for setting up of new food processing units in diversified agriculture sector;
(c) if so, the details thereof;
(d) the details of agricultural products used as raw material in food processing industries during each of the last three years; and
(e) the details of production, consumption and export of processed and packaged food items during the said period?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has been implementing Mega Food Park Scheme (MFPS) since 11th Five Years Plan to create modern infrastructure facilities for the food processing along the value chain from the farm to the market with a cluster based approach based on a hub and spokes model. It includes creation of infrastructure for primary processing and storage near the farm at Primary Processing Centres (PPCs) and Collection Centres (CCs) and common facilities and enabling infrastructure at Central Processing Centre (CPC). The scheme also aims to provide a mechanism to bring together farmers, processors and retailers and link agriculture production to the market so as to ensure maximization of value addition, minimization of wastages and improving farmers' income.
The scheme of Integrated Cold Chain, Value Addition and Preservation Infrastructure also promotes backward linkages with farmers through Minimal Processing Centres.
(b) & (c): To create awareness and to sensitize entrepreneurs for setting up of new food processing units in diversified food processing sectors, Ministry is implementing a Scheme for Promotional Activities, under which financial assistance is provided for organizing seminars/ workshops/ fair/ exhibitions in various parts of the country. The Ministry also participates in All India level fairs/ exhibitions for dissemination of information regarding food processing industries, familiarizing the entrepreneurs with modern techniques of production and preservation.
(d) & (e): The data of agricultural produce used as raw material in food processing, production and consumption of processed and packaged food items are not maintained in the Ministry. The details of export of food products are given in Annexure.
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